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The European Office Action also cites U.S. patent No. 5,313,856 and International Patent No. WO 00/75532, which were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 9, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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